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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 0295

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRG ATTENDANCE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE AND
WMO CONGRESS

REF: (A) STATE 008673; (B) STATE 010509; (C) KUALA LUMPUR 0266

1. DCM MET JANUARY 21 WITH MFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN CHARGE
OF UN MATTERS, TAN SENG CHYE, TO DISCUSS ISSUE OF POSSIBLE PRG
PARTICIPATION AT SECOND SESSION OF LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE AND
OBSERVER STATUS AT SEVENTH WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO). REGARDING LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE, TAN POINTED OUT THAT SINGAPORE HAD NOT ATTENDED FIRST SESSION AND HAD NO INTENTION OF ATTENDING THE SECOND. DCM OBSERVED THAT ALTHOUGH MALAYSIA HAD NOT TAKEN PART IN SUBSTANTIVE WORK IN CONFERENCE, IT HAD ACCREDITED ITS SECOND SECRETARY IN GENEVA TO DEAL WITH THE PRG QUESTION AND ASKED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE GOS TO CONSIDER A SIMILAR COURSE OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO ITS TRADE

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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA. TAN WAS CLEARLY DUBIOUS BUT SAID HE

WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

2. WITH RESPECT TO PRG OBSERVER STATUS AT WMO, TAN SAID GOS HAD JUST RECEIVED THE BALLOT FROM THE WMO SECRETARIAT AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF STUDYING THE QUESTION.

ALTHOUGH HE WAS NONCOMMITAL, IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WAS GREATER CHANCE OF GOS SUPPORTING U.SM POSITION AT THIS CONFERENCE THAN AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE.
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